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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCLR, TPHY, VE

SUBJECT:R/V ATLANTIS II

1. REQUEST POST SEEK GOV APPROVAL FOR PROGRAM MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITHIN VENEZUELAN TERRITORIAL WATERS BY R/V ATLANTIS II. SCIENTIFIC TEAM UNDER DIRECTION OF DR. VAUGHAN T. BOWEN OF WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE (WHOI) SEEKS OBTAIN SAMPLES FROM VARYING DEPTHS WITHIN WATER COLUMN, PLUS SERIES SEDIMENT CORES, IN ORDER DETERMINE AMOUNTS AND VERTICAL DISTRIBUTION FALLOUT ELEMENTS, E.G. PLUTONIUM, AMERICIUM 241, IRON 55, AND CESIUM 137. PLANS CALL FOR VESSEL SAMPLE EXTENSIVELY IN WESTERN ATLANTIC AND CARIBBEAN. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS CHEMICAL ACTIVITY THESE ELEMENTS IN CARIACO TRENCH, WHERE UNUSUAL SUBMARINE FEATURE (TRENCH SURROUNDED BY SHELF) AND SUBSEQUENT LACK MIXING HAVE CREATED OXYGEN DEFICIENT ENVIRONMENT. VESSEL EXPECTED GOV WATERS ON OR ABOUT FEB 20 THRU 23.

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FYI: VESSEL WORKING WITHIN THREE MILES ISLAS LOS HER-

MANOS, LA BARRACHA AND LA ORCHILLA. RESULTS OF RESEARCH  
TO BE AVAILABLE GOV AND VESSEL CAN ACCOMMODATE TWO OBSER-  
ERS.

2. R/V ATLANTIS II IS US FLAG OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSEL  
OPERATED BY WHOI. VESSEL IS 2300 TONS, 64 METERS LENGTH,

5 METERS DRAFT. MASTER IS HERBERT BABBITT WITH CREW OF  
30 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 20 ABOARD. CHIEF SCIENTIST  
IS DR. BOWEN. CALL LETTERS ARE KADC. THIS LEG ATLANTIS  
II CRUISE BEGINS WITH JAN 28 DEPARTURE FROM SAN JUAN  
PR AND CONCLUDES IN SAN JUAN ON FEB 28. DEPT POUCHING  
COPY CRUISE TRACK. KISSINGER

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